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Re: Philip Morris Incorporated
Mexican Patent Appln. 110,878
Our File 582-534 Mexico

Dear Mr. Ochoa:

This refers to your letter of June 10, 1971, reporting to us an Official Notice issued in the above case. We have studied the amendments you propose in your letter and approve of the change in the title of the invention to "Improved Cigarette".

The proposed amendments to the preamble of the claims also appear to be satisfactory with the exception of Claim 1 which, as presently written, appears to be directed to the cigarette per se whereas the invention is directed to the composition of the cigarette wrapper.

We, therefore, suggest that Claim 1 be rewritten as follows:

1. An improved cigarette which comprises a wrapper or the like formed by a combustible material having spaced apertures therein, and non-toxic filling material normally closing said apertures,

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which filling material comprises a water-soluble material.

Please file a response to the Official Action not later than September 30, 1971, and in accordance with our instructions above.

Yours very truly,

George J. Brandt, Jr.

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